

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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<b>Lonnie D. Lindsey</b>	)	
	)	Art Unit: <b>2874</b>
Serial No.: <b>Unassigned</b>	)	
	)	Examiner: <b>Palmer, Phan</b>
Filing Date: <b>March 22, 2004</b>	)	
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Title: <b>System and Method for Coupling and</b>	)	
<b>Redirecting Optical Energy Between</b>	)	
<b>Two Optical Waveguides Oriented</b>	)	
<b>at a Predetermined Angle</b>	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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March 22, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-styled patent application, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application filed on July 25, 2003 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 10/627,049 on behalf of the inventor Lonnie D. Lindsey, please amend the application as shown below and consider the appended remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Specification**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 with the following paragraph:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail No. EV 242852659 US in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 22, 2004.

  
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PRIORITY AND RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of and claims priority to application serial No. 10/627,049 filed July 25, 2003, entitled "System and Method for Coupling and Redirecting Optical Energy Between Two Optical Waveguides Oriented at a Predetermined Angle," the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference. ~~The present application claims priority to provisional patent application entitled "Right Angle Fiber Optic Cable Adapter," filed April 20, 2001 and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. 60/285,273. The entire contents of this provisional application are hereby incorporated by reference.~~